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As someone concerned about increased taxes and telephone fees, I oppose the big phone companies' plan to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund.

The plan being pushed by the big phone companies and some in Congress would change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection methodology from a "pay-for-what-you-use" system to a "monthly flat-fee." This flat-fee system would result in forced phone bill hikes for me -- and for millions of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S.

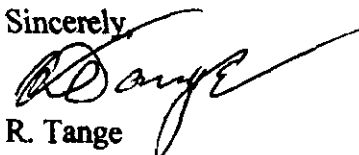
****I, as are many others, am on a fixed income. I, for one, have a lot of medical bills that are not covered by insurance. Any additional taxes will be an extreme burden for me and many other seniors. I use a pre-paid cell phone and watch my calls very closely. I do not see the justice in having to support "high-call" users when I watch my pennies. Please do all you can to help us frugal ones to be kept from the burden of paing for those that use cell phones for such frivolous things as shopping for store items.**

Just listen to some of the calls shoppers make to see how wasteful they are of air time energy!**

Shifting the funding burden of the USF away from high-volume users -- like big businesses -- and placing the weight on low-volume users -- students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens and low-income residential and rural consumers -- is unfair. I URGE YOU to reject this flat-fee plan.

Thank you for your continued work. I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,



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